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MACROECONOMIC POLICY QUESTIONS: FINANCING OF DEVELOPMENT

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman
of the Committee, Mr. Max Stadthagen (Nicaragua),
on the basis of informal consultations held on
draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.6

Global financial integration: challenges and opportunities

The General Assembly.

Reaffirming its resolutions S-18/3 of 1 May 1990, the annex of which contains the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and 45/199 of 21 December 1990, entitled "International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade", the annex to which contains the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade, and the Cartagena Commitment, 1/ adopted by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its eighth session,

Recalling its resolution 49/93 of 19 December 1994 on net flows and transfer of resources between developing and developed countries,

Stressing the importance at the national level in the countries concerned of a favourable climate for private financial flows, sound macroeconomic policies and appropriate functioning of markets,

1/ See Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Eighth Session, Report and Annexes (TD/364/Rev.1) (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.11.D.5), part one, sect. A.

Recognizing that the international community should continue to give strong support to the efforts of the developing countries to solve their grave economic and social problems as well as to promote a favourable climate for private financial flows through the creation of a favourable international economic environment,

Noting with satisfaction that the process of economic growth, in a number of developing countries, has been positively affected by the recent increase in international private capital flows,

Commending continuing efforts made by developing countries to create a more favourable national framework and stressing that a considerable number of developing countries, in particular the least developed countries, especially in Africa, have not benefited from the aforementioned capital flows,

Expressing concern, within such a context, at the decline in the last years in the overall level of official development assistance to developing countries,

Expressing concern also that a significant number of developing countries have become more vulnerable, in the course of liberalizing their external economic and financial regimes, to the volatile fluctuations of private capital flows in international financial markets,

Noting the necessity for promoting the creation of favourable conditions for achieving international stability in private capital flows and for preventing the destabilization arising from swift movements of private capital flows, in order, inter alia, to enhance development, in particular of developing countries,

Aware of the role of the International Monetary Fund in the promotion of a stable international financial environment conducive to economic growth and taking into account the strengthening of the cooperative relationship between the United Nations and the Fund,

1. Stresses that global financial integration presents new challenges and opportunities for the international community and that it should constitute a very important element of the dialogue between the United Nations system and the Bretton Woods institutions;

2. Underscores the need for encouragement of private flows to all countries, in particular to developing countries, especially long-term flows, while reducing the risks of volatility;

3. Recognizes that, in a globalized world, sound fiscal and monetary policy in each country is among the elements essential in preventing crises relating to capital flows;

4. Emphasizes the need to explore ways to broaden appropriate enhanced cooperation and where appropriate, coordination of macroeconomic policy among interested countries, monetary and financial authorities and institutions, so as to enhance preventive consultation arrangements between such institutions as a means of promoting a stable international financial environment conducive to

economic growth, particularly in developing countries, taking into account the needs of developing countries as well as situations that may have a significant impact upon the international financial system;

5. Reiterates the need for broadening and strengthening the participation of developing countries in the international economic decision-making process;

6. Welcomes the steps taken by the International Monetary Fund and recognizes the need for a stronger and central role for the Fund in surveillance of all countries, in a symmetrical manner, in accordance with paragraph 4 of the communiqué of the Interim Committee of the Board of Governors of the Fund, dated 26 April 1995, with regard to potential sources of destabilization of capital markets with a view to promoting transparency and stability in international financial markets and promoting economic growth, such surveillance presupposing/including, among other elements, the regular and timely provision of economic and financial data;

7. Reaffirms the objective of promoting greater transparency and openness, including increasing participation of developing countries in the work of the International Monetary Fund, this objective also involving, among other elements, the regular and timely provision of economic and financial data by all Fund members;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly, at its fifty-first session, in cooperation with the Bretton Woods institutions and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, on the implementation of the present resolution.



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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION:
UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS (HABITAT II)

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee,
Mr. Conor Murphy (Ireland), on the basis of informal consultations
held on draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.27

United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 47/180 of 22 December 1992, in which it decided to convene the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) from 3 to 14 June 1996, and to establish both a preparatory committee and an ad hoc secretariat for the Conference,

Reiterating its gratitude to the Government of Turkey for offering to act as host to the Conference, which is to be held in Istanbul,

Noting with satisfaction the progress that has been made so far in the preparations for the Conference, as outlined in the report of the Preparatory Committee for the Conference on its second substantive session 1/ and the report of the Secretary-General on preparations for the Conference, 2/

1/ A/50/37.

2/ A/50/519.



Reaffirming the importance of the principles and concepts set out in the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development 3/ and Agenda 21 4/ for the purpose of implementing the decisions and recommendations of the Conference,

Recalling also its resolution 49/109, in which, inter alia, it decided that a third substantive session of the Preparatory Committee be held at United Nations Headquarters early in 1996 to complete the preparatory work for the Conference,

1. Endorses the report of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) on its second substantive session (Nairobi, 24 April-5 May 1995), 1/ which contains, inter alia, decision II/1 on the financing of the Conference and its preparatory activities; decision II/3 on the recommendations of the Preparatory Committee on the organization of work of the Conference, including the holding of pre-conference consultations on 1 and 2 June 1996, the establishment of committees, and other procedural matters; and decision II/4 on the rules of procedure for the Conference; 5/
2. Decides that the third session of the Preparatory Committee will be held at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 5 to 16 February 1996;
3. Requests the Secretary-General to make the necessary provisions, within existing resources, so that the Preparatory Committee may, if it so decides, establish two working groups to meet in addition to plenary meetings for the duration of the third session;
4. Notes with interest the call by the Secretary-General of the United Nations to give the Conference the dimensions of a "city summit", and reaffirms that the Conference should be held at the highest possible level of participation;
5. Expresses its sincere appreciation to those States and organizations that have made or pledged financial or other contributions in support of the preparatory activities for the Conference, and requests the Secretary-General of the Conference to continue to make every effort to raise the extrabudgetary resources required for Conference activities and preparations;
6. Renews its appeal to all Governments, especially the Governments of developed countries and other Governments in a position to do so, as well as to international and regional financial institutions, to make substantial contributions to the voluntary fund established by the Assembly in its resolution 47/180 for the purpose of financing preparatory activities for the

3/ Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992, vol. I, Resolutions Adopted by the Conference (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.18 and corrigenda), resolution 1, annex I.

4/ Ibid., annex II.

5/ As amended in A/C.2/50/9 and Corr.1.

Conference and supporting developing countries, in particular the least developed among them, in participating fully and effectively in the Conference and its preparatory process;

7. Encourages all relevant non-governmental organizations that are interested, especially organizations from developing countries, to participate in and contribute to the Conference and its preparatory process on the basis of the procedures adopted at recent United Nations conferences;

8. Invites the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session on the implementation of and follow-up to the outcome of the Conference undertaken by the organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, including the role played by the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements in that process;

9. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-first session a sub-item entitled "United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)", under the item "Sustainable development and international economic cooperation".



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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCE ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the
Committee, Mr. Max Stadthagen (Nicaragua), on the basis
of informal consultations held on draft resolution
A/C.2/50/L.9

Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International
Conference on Population and Development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 49/128 of 19 December 1994 on the report of the International Conference on Population and Development, 1/ and 48/162 of 20 December 1993 on the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council decision 1994/227 of 14 July 1994, by which the Council approved the provisional agenda and documentation for the twenty-eighth session of the Population Commission, including discussion of the implications of the recommendations of the International Conference on Population and Development,

Recalling further Economic and Social Council resolution 1995/55 of 28 July 1995 on the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, by which the Council endorsed the terms of reference proposed by the Commission on Population and

1/ A/CONF.171/13 and Add.1.



Development in its report on its twenty-eighth session, 2/ which reflect the comprehensive and integrated nature of population and development,

Acknowledging fully the integrated approach taken during the International Conference on Population and Development, which recognizes the interrelationship between population, sustained economic growth and sustainable development,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 49/128 on the report of the International Conference on Population and Development, 3/

Recognizing that the implementation of the recommendations contained in the Programme of Action is the sovereign right of every country, in accordance with its national laws and development priorities, with full respect for the various religious and ethical values and cultural backgrounds of its peoples and in conformity with universally recognized international human rights,

Reaffirming the importance of the principles and concepts set out in the Rio Declaration and Agenda 21 for the purpose of implementing the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, and in that regard recognizing that chapter 5 of Agenda 21 4/ and chapter III of the Programme of Action reinforce one another and together form a comprehensive and compelling up-to-date account of what needs to be done about the interface between population, environment and sustainable development,

Noting with satisfaction the contribution that the outcome of the International Conference on Population and Development has made to the World Summit for Social Development and the Fourth World Conference on Women, and expressing its belief in the contribution that the outcome of the International Conference on Population and Development will make to the forthcoming second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and in the elaboration of an agenda for development, in particular with regard to the call for a greater investment in people,

1. Notes the action taken so far by Governments and the international community to implement the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and encourages them to strengthen their efforts in that regard;

2. Reiterates its commitment to the full implementation of the Programme of Action and reaffirms that Governments should continue to commit themselves at

2/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1995, Supplement No. 7 (E/1995/27), annex I.

3/ A/50/190.

4/ Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992, vol. I, Resolutions Adopted by the Conference (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigendum), resolution 1, annex II.

the highest political level to achieving its goals and objectives, which reflect a new integrated approach to population and development, and to take a lead role in coordinating the implementation as well as monitoring and evaluating the follow-up actions;

3. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 49/128 and of the proposals contained therein; 3/

4. Takes note of the following proposals made by the United Nations Population Fund in the above-mentioned report:

(a) To replace the Fund's biennial report to the Commission on Population and Development on multilateral population assistance by an annual report on the amount of financial resources allocated for the implementation of the Programme of Action at the national and international levels;

(b) To further refine and improve, where necessary, the current system devoted to monitoring the amount of international assistance for programmes dealing with population and development so as to render it more accurate;

5. Decides that the membership of the Commission on Population and Development be increased to __ States, selected by the Economic and Social Council from among the members of the United Nations and members of its specialized agencies, bearing in mind that the representatives of Governments nominated to serve on the Commission should preferably have relevant background in population and development, in order to ensure that it fulfil its functions as reflected in its updated and enhanced mandate, taking into account the integrated multidisciplinary and comprehensive approach of the Programme of Action and the membership of the other functional commissions of the Council;

6. Takes further note of the report of the Secretary-General on monitoring world population trends and policies, 5/ and of the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund on monitoring multilateral population assistance; 6/

7. Recognizes that the establishment of a separate executive board of the United Nations Population Fund is dealt with in the context of the review of implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/162 of 20 December 1993, taking into account the role of the Fund in the follow-up to the implementation of the Programme of Action;

8. Renews its call to all Governments, organizations of the United Nations system and other major groups concerned with population and development issues, including intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, parliamentarians and other community leaders, to continue to give the widest possible dissemination to the Programme of Action, including the use of

5/ E/CN.9/1995/2.

6/ E/CN.9/1995/4.

electronic data networks, to seek public support for its goals, objectives and actions, and to maintain and enhance partnership between Governments and non-governmental organizations so as to ensure their continued contributions and cooperation concerning all aspects of population and development;

9. Urges Governments that have not yet done so to establish appropriate national follow-up mechanisms, in partnership with non-governmental organizations, community groups and representatives of the media and the academic community, and to seek the support of parliamentarians, so as to ensure the full implementation of the Programme of Action;

10. Reaffirms that the follow-up to the Conference, at all levels, should fully take into account that the factors of population, health, education, poverty, patterns of production and consumption, empowerment of women and the environment are closely interconnected and should be considered through an integrated approach;

11. Urges all countries to consider their current spending priorities with a view to making additional contributions for the implementation of the Programme of Action, taking into account the provisions of chapters XIII and XIV thereof and the economic constraints faced by developing countries, in particular the least developed among them, and emphasizes that international cooperation in the field of population and development is essential for the implementation of the recommendations adopted at the Conference. In that context, the international community is called upon to continue to provide, both bilaterally and multilaterally, adequate and substantial support and assistance for population and development activities, including through the United Nations Population Fund and other organs and organizations of the United Nations system and the specialized agencies that will be involved in the implementation, at all levels, of the Programme of Action;

12. Reiterates the importance of South/South cooperation for the successful implementation of the Programme of Action;

13. Reaffirms that the effective implementation of the Programme of Action will require an increased commitment of financial resources, both domestically and externally, and, in this context, calls upon the developed countries to complement the national financial efforts of developing countries on population and development and intensify their efforts to transfer new and additional resources to the developing countries, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Programme of Action, in order to ensure that population and development objectives and goals are met;

14. Acknowledges that countries with economies in transition should receive temporary assistance for population and development activities, in view of the difficult economic and social problems faced by those countries at present;

15. Urges the international community to promote a supportive international economic environment by adopting favourable macroeconomic policies for promoting sustained economic growth and sustainable development;

16. Emphasizes the importance of the early identification and allocation of financial resources by all members of the international community, including regional financial institutions, to enable them to fulfil their commitments with regard to the implementation of the Programme of Action;

17. Invites the Secretary-General to ensure that adequate resources are provided for the Conference follow-up activities to be carried out by the Secretariat during 1996;

18. Invites the regional commissions, other regional and subregional organizations and the development banks to continue to examine and analyse the results of implementation of the Programme of Action at the regional level under their respective mandates;

19. Welcomes the work undertaken by the Inter-Agency Task Force on the Implementation of the Programme of Action, chaired by the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund, and stresses the importance of continued and enhanced cooperation and coordination by all relevant organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system and the specialized agencies in the implementation of the Programme of Action, and, in this context, notes the establishment of new inter-agency task forces for the follow-up to conferences which could be relevant for the implementation and follow-up to the International Conference on Population and Development;

20. Emphasizes the need to maintain the momentum of the follow-up activities relating to the Conference and the Programme of Action so as to utilize, to the fullest extent possible, existing capacity within the United Nations system in the area of population and development, including the Commission on Population and Development, the Population Division of the Department for Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis of the Secretariat and the United Nations Population Fund, other organizations, funds and programmes of the United Nations and the specialized agencies whose continued support and commitment are required for the successful implementation of the full range of activities outlined in the Programme of Action, and invites them to work closely in the preparation of reports for the Commission on Population and Development;

21. Requests the specialized agencies and all related organizations of the United Nations system to continue to take appropriate measures to ensure the full and effective implementation of the Programme of Action, taking into account the specific needs of developing countries, and welcomes the intention of the Secretary-General to report through the Commission on Population and Development to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1996 on the work of the Inter-Agency Task Force, for coordination purposes, and to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session, for policy implications;

22. Requests the Economic and Social Council:

(a) To consider relevant reports and give guidance on matters concerning harmonization, cooperation and coordination within the United Nations system regarding the implementation of the Programme of Action;

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(b) To consider, as appropriate, the reports submitted by the different bodies and organs on various matters related to the Programme of Action;

(c) To consider the proposed report on the work of the Inter-Agency Task Force;

23. Requests the funds and programmes of the United Nations system and the regional commissions and funds to continue to provide their full and active support to the implementation of the Programme of Action, particularly at the field level, through the United Nations resident coordinator system and invites the relevant specialized agencies to do the same;

24. Requests the Secretary-General to report, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session on the implementation of the present resolution;

25. Decides to include in the agenda of its fifty-first session, within existing clusters, an item entitled "Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development".
